



**SAN XAVIER DISTRICT  
OF THE  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

(Opposing a Proposed Bureau of Land Management/Sun Zia Transmission Line Route/Right-of-way through the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation [San Xavier District])

**Resolution No. SXDC 02-11-06**

- WHEREAS, renewable energy projects are good for the environment and help to minimize our dependence upon foreign oil, reduce air pollution and diversify energy generation sources; and,
- WHEREAS, the BLM/Sun Zia Transmission Project (Sun Zia) proposes to construct up to two high voltage 500kV electrical transmission lines and related interconnecting substations between central Arizona and central New Mexico, which will provide new delivery capacity for renewable energy resources in the west; and,
- WHEREAS, Sun Zia has submitted to right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the project and BLM is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);and,
- WHEREAS, the EIS will provide a detailed analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and a range of mitigation measures to such impacts, including reasonable routing alternatives;and,
- WHEREAS the BLM conducted public scoping meetings and other community meetings to request public input on specific issues and concerns, related to alternative routes for the project's transmission facilities, affected environmental resources, and related matters; and,
- WHEREAS, at least one of the Sun Zia route alternatives under consideration by the BLM crosses through the San Xavier District; and,
- WHEREAS, transmission lines in the Sun Zia Project will not provide energy to reservation residents and Sun Zia will not directly benefit Tribal enterprises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District Council hereby supports and encourages the development of renewable energy generation and transmission projects, including the Sun Zia Project.

BE IT FUREHTER RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District Council is opposed to any Bureau of Land Management development/Sun Zia proposed routes that cross property within the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation (San Xavier Indian Reservation).

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was passed by the San Xavier District Council at a meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of **February 2011**, at which time a quorum was present with a vote of 5 FOR; 0 AGAINST; 0 NOT VOTING; 0 ABSENT. Pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by the Tohono O'odham Constitution, Article IX, Section 5, as adopted and approved on 6 March 1986.



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Austin G. Nunez, Chairman

ATTEST

Ernie Reyes, Secretary  
San Xavier District Council

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